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SUBJECT: ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION OF AMERICA, INC.
(AGBUA)

1. ARMENIAN GENERAL BENEVOLENT UNION OF AMERICA, INC.
(AGBUA, INC.), 628 SECOND AVENUE, N.Y., NY 10016, PRIVATE
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION
501(A)(3) OF INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, HAS APPLIED FOR REGIS-
TRATION WITH AID'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN
AID.

2. OVERSEAS PROGRAMS IN NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, MIDDLE
EAST AND LATIN AMERICA INCLUDE SUPPORT, GRANTS AND
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SCHOLARSHIPS TO SCHOOLS THEY MAINTAIN, ARMENIAN LANGUAGE

CLASSES, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS, DISPENSARIES, ASSISTANCE AND WELFARE. AGBUA, INC., AMONG ITS OTHER PROGRAMS, IS THE FUND RAISING ARM OF AGBU INTERNATIONAL (AGBUI) (HEADQUARTERS ALSO IN NY). AGBUA, INC. STATES THAT AGBUI IS A SEPARATE, TAX EXEMPT CHARITABLE CORPORATION AND IT IS THROUGH THAT ORGANIZATION THAT THE MAJOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED AND FUNDED.

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3. FYI LEBANON. THE STATED OBJECTIVE OF AGBUA REGARDING PROGRAMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS TO SUPPORT THE RETURN OF ARMENIAN DISPLACED PERSONS TO LEBANON AND THE SUBSEQUENT REBUILDING OF THAT SOCIETY. ARMENIAN DISPLACED PERSONS PRESENTLY SCATTERED IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE AGBUA, THROUGH THE AGBUI, IS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THEM FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES. THEY HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SECURING FUNDS UNDER THE SPECIAL \$20 MILLION APPROPRIATION TO AID FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN LEBANON. AGBUA REPORTS IT CURRENTLY DISPENSES RELIEF SUPPLIES THROUGH ITS OFFICES IN BEIRUT. CONTACT PERSON: MR. GARBIS NAZARIAN, CHAIRMAN, AGBU LEBANON DISTRICT, RUE MORRIS BARRES, P.O. BOX 715, BEIRUT. END FYI LEBANON.

4. FOR ACTION LEBANON. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS RE PARA 6 BELOW, IF INFO READILY AVAILABLE.

5. FYI SYRIA AND CYPRUS. AGBUA, IN ADDITION TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL RELATED PROGRAMS, ALSO PROVIDES RELIEF AND WELFARE ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL DISPENSARIES, AND PROVIDES FOOD AND SHELTER TO RECENT ARRIVALS FROM LEBANON. CONTACT PERSON IN SYRIA: CHAIRMAN, DR. RUPEN BOGHOSSIAN, P.O. BOX 348, ALEPO. CONTACT PERSONS IN CYPRUS: CHAIRMAN, MR. KHAJAG BALADOUNI, P.O. BOX 1807, NICOSIA AND CHAIRMAN ARA KALAYJIAN, P.O. BOX 334, LARNACA. END FYI SYRIA AND CYPRUS.

6. PER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN PART 203 OF 22 CFR "REGISTRATION OF AGENCIES FOR VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID" AND INTERIM REGISTRATION OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES UNCLASSIFIED

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(BEING POUCHED) REQUEST DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION ON AGBUA INCLUDING TYPE AND EXTENT OF PROGRAMS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED PERTINENT TO CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION.

7. APPRECIATE CABLE REPLY BY DECEMBER 10. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST EXPRESSED IN THIS ORGANIZATION. ROBINSON

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